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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN UN

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1. WITH AMBASSADOR SICK IN BED, DCM CALLED ON FONMIN AHMED SUWAIDI SEPT 25 TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION (FONMINISTRY HAD ADVISED THAT APPOINTMENT HAD TO BE THEN OR NEVER IF WE WISHED CATCH MINISTER PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE). DCM PRESENTED DEMARCHE ON BASIS TALKING POINTS PARA 7 REF A. HE LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON FACT THAT USG HAD CONCLUDED THAT KOREAN QUESTION WAS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE ON THIS YEAR'S UNGA AGENDA. RE UAEG POSITION, DCM NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED KOREAN ISSUE WITH FONMINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY ABDULLA MAZRUI ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION AND WAS AWARE NOT ONLY OF UAEG STANCE BUT ALSO REASONS THEREFORE. HE WENT ON, HOWEVER, TO NOTE THAT WE FELT CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH WE TAKING AT THIS UNGA SESSION WARRANTED MORE THAN ABSTENTION. MOREOVER, ABSTENTION WAS NOT REALLY NEUTRAL POSITION, PARTICULARLY IN CASE SUCH AS KOREAN QUESTION WHERE TWO COMPETING RESOLUTIONS UP FOR CONSIDERATION. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, BOTH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, THIS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO MUDDY WATERS AND WOULD HARDLY SERVE INTERESTS OF LONG-TERM PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA. DCM RE-EMPHASIZED THAT LATTER WAS OUR OBJECTIVE, AND THAT THIS COULD

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NOT BE ACHIEVED BY SEEKING EXCLUDE ONE OF TWO PARTIES

INVOLVED, SUCH AS NORTH KOREA TRYING TO DO IN CASE OF ROK.  
RATHER WE TRYING TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE AND EASING OF TENSION,  
MUCH AS IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE DO IN CASE SINAI ACCORD.

2. FONMIN LISTENED CAREFULLY AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EXPLANATION OUR POSITION. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS RE KOREA IN SEPT 22 SPEECH FROM TELCONS WHICH HE HAD WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHOBASH, WHO STILL IN NEW YORK. MOREOVER SUWAIDI NOTED HE TO BE TALKING TO SHOBASH LATER SAME DAY (SEPT 25) AND WOULD HEAR FROM HIM THEN RESULTS OF MEETINGS WHICH ARAB LEAGUE REPS WERE REPORTEDLY HAVING IN NEW YORK SEPT 24-25 ON THIS AND OTHER AGENDA ISSUES. SUWAIDI STATED THAT HE FRANKLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH MANY OF UNGA ISSUES, IN THAT HE HAD FOUND HIMSELF VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH INTERNAL POLITICAL ISSUES SINCE HIS RETURN AND SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE TO HIS MINISTRY. HE NOTED THAT DCM'S CALL WAS TIMELY, HOWEVER, IN VIEW HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH GHOBASH. UAE AS USUAL WOULD TRY TO BE RESPONSIVE, BUT SUWAIDI WENT ON TO STATE FRANKLY THAT VIEWS OF OTHER ARAB STATES WOULD ALSO BE OF SIGNIFICANCE--UAE COULD NOT TAKE POSITIONS UNMINDFUL OF THE ATTITUDES OF ITS ARAB BROTHERS. DCM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THIS CONCERN, BUT, STRESSING AGAIN IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OUR PROPOSAL, TRUSTED MERIT OF CASE WOULD BE RECEIVED WITH SYMPATHY NOT ONLY BY UAE BUT IN ARAB COUNCILS IN GENERAL.

3. COMMENTS: SUWAIDI WAS OBVIOUSLY CAREFUL AVOID COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT AND LEFT HIMSELF (I.E. UAE) READY OUT IN FORM OF ARAB LEAGUE POSITION. ON OTHER HAND, SUWAIDI APPEARED INTERESTED IN ISSUES (HE QUESTION DCM CAREFULLY ABOUT STATUS OF US TROOPS IN KOREA, FOR EXAMPLE). MOREOVER, HE STATED THAT CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS HE NOT GOING TO NEW YORK. INSTEAD, FOLLOWING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, HE WILL RETURN HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN SHAIKH ZAYID'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN POLITICAL UNITY OF COUNTRY. WHILE THESE POLITICAL CONCERN MAY HAVE FIRST PRIORITY, HE WILL THEREFORE STILL BE AVAILABLE HERE FOR APPROACHES ON KOREAN QUESTION. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IF THERE IS TO BE CHANGE IN UAE POSITION, DECISION WILL COME FROM HERE, NOT NEW YORK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ADDITION TO ANTICIPATED FURTHER  
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INSTRUCTIONS (REF A AND B), EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY READING DEPT AND/OR USUN CAN PROVIDE ON ARAB LEAGUE DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. IF MAJORITY OF ARAB STATES CONTINUE OPPOSE US, IT IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE DIFFICULT CHANGE UAE STANCE FROM ABSTENTION. ON OTHER HAND, IF THERE IS PERCEPTIBLE SHIFT IN OUR FAVOR, THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE USED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE.  
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